

Tape 26

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Continuation of Draft Fitness Report

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Beyond this, it is obvious to everyone that is an individual of high personal and professional standards. He thus garners respect quickly and deservedly from subordinates and superiors alike. I view him as a natural leader.

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I have known/many Marine Corps officers. ranks as high as any I have ever known in potential for serving the United States Marine Corps and the United States of America. I strongly recommend his earliest promotion to and assignment to a command in the field.

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GUATEMALAN DEFENSE MINISTRY DENIES SENDING TROOPS TO NICARAGUA

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(TEXT) GUATEMALA CITY, 4 JUN (ACAN-EFE)--THE GUATEMALAN DEFENSE MINISTRY TODAY DENIED THAT GUATEMALAN TROOPS ARE FIGHTING IN NICARAGUA IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT ANASTASIO SOMOZA.

"THE GUATEMALAN ARMY HAS NOT INTERVENED AND WILL NOT INTERVENE IN THE NICARAGUAN CRISIS," THE STATEMENT ISSUED THIS AFTERNOON NOTES.

THE DEFENSE MINISTRY RESPONDED IN THIS WAY TO PRESS REPORTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE SANDINIST NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT ON THE ALLEGED PARTICIPATION OF GUATEMALAN AND SALVADORAN SOLDIERS IN SUPPORT OF SOMOZA.

IT WAS STATED THAT "THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA RESPECTS THE INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLE OF NONINTERVENTION BY A STATE IN THE AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER STATE."

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